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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POSITION OF FAO DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL

REF: STATE 157534

FOR AMBASSADOR YOUNG FROM MAYNES

1. USDA ASSISTANT SECRETARY DALE HATHAWAY HAS ADVISED ME THAT SECRETARY BERGLAND RECEIVED A HAND-DELIVERED LETTER FROM DG SAOUMA WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, ANNOUNCING THAT DG HAS CHOSEN A U.S. NATIONAL FOR THE POSITION OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL. LETTER GIVES NO INDICATION OF IDENTITY THIS SELECTION OR TIME OF DEPARTURE OF INCUMBENT BUT STATES APPOINTMENT WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT TIME FAO CONFERENCE (NOVEMBER 1977).

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2. FYI. DG LETTER AND PROCEDURE ARE CURIOUS. SAOUMA HAS BEEN ANNOYED THAT, BECAUSE SECRETARY AND SENIOR USDA STAFF WERE ATTENDING MANILA WORLD FOOD COUNCIL, USDA DID NOT HAVE HIGH LEVEL PARTICIPATION IN JUNE FAO COUNCIL. DG LETTER CONGRATULATES SECRETARY ON SUCCESS ACHIEVED IN MANILA. BY REFERRING TO INTENTION TO ANNOUNCE NEW APPOINTMENT AT NOVEMBER FAO CONFERENCE, WHICH SECRETARY BERGLAND

DOES EXPECT TO ATTEND, DG COULD BE WAVING CARROT. HE COULD ALSO BE ATTEMPTING, AS HE RECENTLY DID WITH CANADA, TO ENSURE THAT WE GIVE HIM POSITIVE SUPPORT IN COUNCIL-CONFERENCE IN RETURN FOR HIS EFFORTS TO HIRE AMERICANS. PUTTING A NUMBER OF THINGS TOGETHER, HATHAWAY IS INCLINED TO THINK APPOINTEE MAY BE ERMOND HARTMANS, WHO CURRENTLY SERVES IN D-2 POSITION AS DIRECTOR, AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS DIVISION, BUT THIS WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH OUR IMPRESSION THAT SAOUMA DOES NOT WANT AN ACTIVIST AS HIS ALTER EGO. END FYI.

3. AS NOTED IN TALKING POINTS REFTTEL, SAOUMA GAVE ME HIS AGREEMENT IN MARCH THAT HE WOULD KEEP A U.S. NATIONAL IN THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL POSITION. HE DISCUSSED PERSONNEL AND THE DEPUTY DG POSITION WITH PAUL BYRNES, IO, ON JUNE 16 BUT AT THAT LATE DATE WAS UNCERTAIN IF HE WOULD REPLACE THE INCUMBENT, ROY JACKSON (U.S.) AT THE END OF 1977.

4. I SUGGEST (WITH USDA CONCURRENCE) THAT IN YOUR MONDAY MEETING YOU TELL SAOUMA (A) THAT YOU APPRECIATE HIS LETTER TO SECRETARY BERGLAND AND THE FACT THAT HE IS PREPARED TO KEEP AN AMERICAN AS HIS DEPUTY AND (B) BECAUSE OF HEAVY CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN THIS POSITION AND THE FACT THAT WE HAVE AT HIS SUGGESTION BEEN LOOKING INTO CANDIDACIES, WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHOM HE HAS

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